

Santa Monica College Academic Senate Executive Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2025

11:15am – 12:35pm

HSS 261

I. Preliminaries

- a. Call to order/ Approval of Agenda

Approved: 11:20 AM

- b. Approval of Minutes

M/S: J.London/B. Magallon

1 abstention – L. Hald

Approved: 11:31 AM

- c. Public Comments

None

II. Announcements

- a. J. Krug - Deposit has been made and our new balance is around 32k! Will be talking more about the budget at the next exec meeting.
- b. L. Hald - Please fill out the Professional Development Day Survey to evaluate PD Day. Campus Coffee Connections is taking place next week on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, from 10am – 11am.
- c. D. Broccard - Developing Positive Communication Strategies for Difficult Conversations Series: Workshop 1 is taking place on Thursday, Sept 18th, from 12:45pm – 2pm.

III. Discussion Items

- a. Review Draft Goals

- i. Discussion was had about how CalGETC is meant to make the transfer transition to UCs/CSUs seamless. Disciplines that have been denied CalGETC have been notified. Students can get better informed through counselling to understand what classes they need to take before enrolling. Faculty can be supportive by encouraging students to reach out to counselling and being aware of whether their course falls within CalGETC. Articulation website should be visited for additional information.

- ii. Discussion was had about how much more effective one can be in their work if cross-communication and collaboration across departments is improved. Equity and access are a focus but a desire to think about the success of students in the long run was expressed. Whether this should be approached through a Senate Committee vs Task Force along with the desire to speak to stakeholders to decide how to move forward was discussed.
- iii. PERC has not met yet but will be meeting to further discuss/refine goal and how it'll be addressed.
- iv. Discussion was about how a lot of departments are looking for specific AI guidance and how approaching it collaboratively would potentially provide more specific guidance.
- v. Emphasis on the importance of timeliness was discussed.
- vi. No suggestions made.
- vii. Clarification was requested as to whether recommendations will be made as well and they will be, not limited to the framework.
- viii. Discussion was had as to whether the IDEAAS acronym would function better in this goal instead of "equity-minded policies" and how infusing it here would potentially serve as another opportunity to further implement it and prompt us to continue to think about how we approach our work. Explicit language is helpful but is not equivalent or a substitution for professional development. Discussion IDEAAS at Senate to vote for the inclusion of "S" was mentioned as IDEAAS is ASCCC specific while the incorporation of "S" is SMC specific.
- ix. Discussion was had as to it being unclear as to whether or not there will be money for speakers moving forward. Codifying is extremely important moving forward as well as getting the word out about professional development to improve attendance.
- x. No suggestions made.
- xi. No suggestions made
- b. Student Relief Fund
Tabled for next meeting.
- c. Action Items vs First and Second Reads
 - i. Discussion was had about whether items should have a first and second read based on a case-by-case basis. It was mentioned that having consistent processes is impactful vs sometimes doing first reads and other times doing second reads. This conversation will be continued as delays ultimately impact the students and a decision needs to be made about which processes would function best moving forward.
- d. ASCCC Visit
 - i. Planning to have ASCCC visit, they can speak to specific topics.

IV. President's Report

- a. Education Master Plan
 - a. Will happen in October.

V. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn:

M/S: S. Anderson/R.Cruz

Adjourned: 12:37pm

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Next scheduled meeting: September 23rd